

PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: DEPARTMENT OF P.L.A.C.E. | PLANNING



ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

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Goal Statement

To provide accurate information, creative and effective planning recommendations, and expertise in the areas of long-range land use, environmental, and transportation planning for the orderly growth of Leon County and the Tallahassee community.

Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights

Quality of Life

- Identify revisions to future land uses which will eliminate hindrances or expand opportunities to promote and support economic activity.
- Develop solutions to promote sustainable growth inside the Lake Protection Zone.
- Promote communication and coordination among local public sector agencies involved in multi-modal transportation, connectivity, walkability and related matters.
- Focus on improving Leon County's ranking as a bicycle friendly community.
- Support sector planning for the area surrounding Veterans Affairs' outpatient clinic.

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PLANNING TODAY FOR TOMORROW'S COMMUNITY

- In collaboration with former residents of Smokey Hollow, the Riley House Museum, and Blueprint 2000, the DesignWorks studio developed a concept to commemorate the Smokey Hollow community, which covered much of the area that is now Cascades Park. The first phase of the Commemoration was completed and opened to the public in March 2014.
- The DesignWorks studio developed concepts to beautify a portion of the Lafayette Street along the rear wall of the Parkway Shopping Center:
 - » Proposed improvements include two designated loading and unloading zones, landscaping, solid waste relocation, architectural screening fence, artistic façade improvements and the addition of a sidewalk along the north side of Lafayette Street.
 - » The improvements provide both an aesthetic improvement as well as a safety improvement to the service area of the Parkway Shopping Center to further enhance the walkability of the corridor to the Desoto Site, Cascades Park and adjoining neighborhoods.



Smokey Hollow

- Developed the Bike Tallahassee website as a central access point for all cycling-related information in Leon County. An updated bike route map will be more user-friendly and include destination-specific routes, such as the Huntington-St. Marks Trail Connector. Users will also be able to map their own ride using identified bicycle routes and other on and off-road cycling facilities. Bike Tallahassee website content will be updated to provide regional cycling information for both residents of and visitors to the Tallahassee-Leon County community.
- Institute a Sense of Place for the fairgrounds by identifying the first key actions to making improvements at the North Florida Fairgrounds and to position it as an economic engine for the community.

Demonstrating Highest Standards of Public Service

Received the **2014 National Planning Excellence Award** for a Planning Agency from the American Planning Association.



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